480. **Dr. A. R. Menon**—With regard to cases not charged, will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars:—

(a) the nature of the occurrences;

(b) the names of the owners and drivers of the vehicles with the qualifications of the latter;

(c) the names of the individuals injured or killed;

(d) the reasons for not charging the drivers or owners responsible for the occurrence; and

(e) the nature of any departmental action, if taken, by the licensing officer against the persons responsible for the occurrences?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) to (e). Vide the statement given in *Appendix VII.*

Free tickets for Performances.

481. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if they are aware that some of their officers belonging to the Magisterial and Police Departments and the Chairmen of some of the Municipalities are in the habit of accepting or insisting on obtaining from the proprietors or organisers of Dramatic, Circus, or Cinema performances complimentary tickets for themselves and, sometimes, even for their families and friends and of attending them without making any payments whatsoever;

(b) if they are not aware of any such practice, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries in the matter and obtain the reports of the District Magistrate, the Commissioner of Police and the Chairmen of Municipalities thereon for the information of the Council?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) The reports referred to are appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

Medicines supplied to the Central Jail.

482. **Dr. A. R. Menon**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the cost of medicines supplied to the Central Jail for each of the last five years; and

(b) the number of in-patients or out-patients treated during the period?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b). A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IX.*)

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Please refer to Appendix IX. For the year 1101 the medicine charges was Rs. 1,626-13-6. The number of out-patients was 645 and of in-patients 161. There

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APPENDIX VIII.

(Vide answer to Question No. 481.)

Letter dated 9th February 1927, C. No. 866/1102, from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mattancheri.

Subject:—Complimentary tickets-Drama, Circus, etc.

Reference.—Official Memorandum dated 3rd February 1927, R. O. C. No. 1145.

I have the honour to report that I am not aware of Chairman insisting on obtaining from the proprietors or organisers of Dramatic, etc., performances complimentary tickets. So far as this Municipality is concerned, the Chairman was given a complimentary ticket by the Great Indian Cinema Company for attending their Cinema in Ernakulam and Mattancheri and that he has not attended their performances yet.

Letter dated 5th February 1927, C. No. 550/1102, from the Chairman, Trichur Municipal Council.

Referring to the Official Memorandum dated 3rd February 1927, C. No. 1145/1102, I have the honour to inform you that the proprietors or organisers of the Dramatic and other troupes used to send a complimentary ticket to the Chairman quite unsolicited and it so happens sometimes that the pass is extended to the family of the Chairman also. But the Chairman does not generally avail himself of the concession granted to him by these tickets, but when special requests are made by the parties, he may attend the entertainments.

I have not come across an instance in which the Chairman has insisted on a ticket being given to him, his family or his friends.

As executive head of the administration, it is open to the Chairman to inspect the premises whenever he wants to do so and he need not therefore stand on the ceremony of getting a complimentary pass.

In this connection, I may be permitted to state that the sending of a complimentary pass to the Chairman is not peculiar to this place alone. If I am given to understand correctly, it is the *mamool* everywhere to send such passes to Municipal Chairmen.

Letter dated 9th February 1927, C. No. 419/1102, from the Chairman, Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipal Council.

With reference to your Official Memorandum R. O. C. No. 1145/1102, dated 3rd February 1927, I have the honour to inform you that there is no custom of accepting or insisting on obtaining from the proprietors or organisers of Dramatic, Circus or Cinema performances complimentary tickets and of attending them without making any payment whatsoever.

Letter dated 14th February 1927, C. No. 1055/1102, from the Police Commissioner

Most proprietors running such shows voluntarily send complimentary tickets to a certain set of officers, and they are not refused.

Letter dated 10th February 1927, C. No. 848/1102, from the Chairman, Ernakulam Municipal Council.

With reference to the Official Memorandum, dated 3rd February 1927, C. No. 1145 of 1102 (Confidential), I have the honour to state that I have not been insisting to get any complimentary tickets.

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Letter dated 16th February 1927, C. No. 750/1102, from the District Magistrate.

Adverting to your Official Memorandum, R. O. C. No. 1145/1102, dated 3rd February 1927, forwarding for my remarks Legislative Council question No. 481 by Dr. A. R. Menon, I have the honour to inform you that the Magistracy do not require any complimentary tickets where great crowds of people assemble. On such occasions it forms part of the duty of the Magistracy to be present at such places without any tickets whatsoever.

I am not aware of any instance where the Magistracy has insisted upon obtaining from the proprietors of Dramatic and other performances complimentary tickets either for themselves or their families or friends, though there are instances where complimentary tickets have been presented to Magistrates and they accepted them in some cases as a matter of common courtesy.

APPENDIX IX.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 482.*)

	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Medicine and Instruments ...	941 13 0	926 5 9	941 11 9	528 5 3	1,626 13 6
In-patients ..	98	101	48	17	161
Out-patients ...	743	582	714	415	645

APPENDIX X.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 486.*)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Judicial and Legislative Department

READ correspondence ending with the Commissioner's letter C. No. 155 of 1102, dated 24th September 1926.

Order C. No. 178/1102, dated 11th October 1926.

The Commissioner of Police is informed that hereafter no Head-constable, unless he be a graduate, should be promoted to the Sub-Inspector's place, either temporarily or permanently without previous sanction.

(True extract)

A. K. VENGU AYYAR,
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Commissioner of Police.

APPENDIX XI.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 391.*)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

(Miscellaneous).

Read again Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 5684/97, dated 22nd December 1923, regarding the archaeological inscriptions existing in the State.

Read also subsequent correspondence ending with the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 231/1100, dated 13th October 1924.

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